

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-3, and 7-11 have been canceled, and new claims 19-34 have been added as indicated above. The new claims are supported by the written specification, including previous claims now canceled, as well as figures 3 and 4.

Previous Reply Deemed Not Fully Responsive:

A previous communication was filed with the Office on 10/23/2004 by the Applicant in response to the Office action dated 07/23/2004. In the previous communication, the Applicant added claims 19-34.

In response to the Applicant's previous communication, the Examiner issued the Office action dated 01/13/2005, in which the Examiner deemed that the Applicant's previous communication was not responsive to the Office action dated 01/13/2005 because the "newly presented claims 19-34 are deemed to be directed to a new embodiment of the invention that is distinct from the previously presented claims 1-3 and 7-11...[which are] directed to the method of automatically calculating the postage for the booklet based on the total weight of the booklet." (Office action, page 2.)

The Applicant is submitting this communication in substitution for the previously submitted communication, and with newly submitted claims 19-34 that have been rewritten to the extent that those claims are clearly directed toward the previously elected embodiment of the invention, as defined by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant believes that this communication is fully responsive to the Office action dated 07/23/2004, and further action on the merits is requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 101:

Claims 1-3, and 7-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-3, and 7-11 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections of those claims under 35 U.S.C. 101 are now moot.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 103:

Claims 1-3, and 7-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,134,568 to Tonkin in view of EP 0621563 A1.

1 Claims 1-3, and 7-11 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections of those
2 claims under U.S.C. 103 are now moot.

3 New Claims:

4 The Applicant believes that claims 19-34, which have been added as
5 indicated herein above, meet the standards for allowability, including the standards
6 set forth under 35 U.S.C. 101, 35 U.S.C. 102, and 35 U.S.C. 103, and that the claims
7 are allowable in view of the cited references.

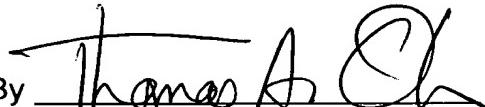
8 **SUMMARY**

9 The Applicant believes that this communication is fully responsive to the
10 Office action mailed 07/23/2004, and to the Office action mailed 01/13/2005, and the
11 Applicant furthermore believes that claims 19-34 are allowable and requests timely
12 allowance of claims 19-34. The below-signed attorney respectfully requests that, in
13 the event that the next Office action is anything other than a Notice of Allowance for
claims 19-34, the Examiner call him before issuing the action.

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